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PUBLIC- PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which the quality and capacity of infrastructure is monitored;

(b) whether the Government is considering to formulate an independent and transparent policy for public-private partnership projects for improving quality and capacity of infrastructure;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to improve the quality and capacity of infrastructure in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) : An Inter-Ministerial Group under the chairmanship of Secretary, Planning Commission was constituted to deliberate and make recommendations for creating an institutional mechanism for performance monitoring of Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects. The recommendation of the group was approved by the Empowered Sub-Committee of the Committee on Infrastructure. The guidelines have since been issued by the Planning Commission.

(b) &(c): Yes, Madam. Government of India have issued guidelines for formulation, appraisal and approval of the Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects in the Central Sector. The guidelines mandate the procedure for appraisal and approval of Central Sector PPP projects. During appraisal / approval of projects, it ascertains that the PPP projects are bid/procured in a transparent and fair manner, which helps in increasing private participation and competition.

(d): A Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure has been constituted on July 6, 2009. The objective of the Committee is to consider and take decisions in respect of all infrastructure related proposals costing more than Rs.150 crores; to consider and decide measures namely, fiscal, financial, institutional and legal required to enhance investment in the infrastructure sector, including grant of requisite approvals to facilitate private sector investment in specific projects, to lay down annual parameters and targets for performance for all infrastructure sectors; and to review the progress of all infrastructure projects. PPP Appraisal Committee has been constituted for streamlining and simplifying the appraisal and approval process for PPP projects. Viability Gap Funding scheme has been notified to enhance the financial viability of infrastructure projects. India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd. has been set up for providing long term loans for financing infrastructure projects.